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Dear Mr. Havens, Mr. Curry, and Mr. Wubbena:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Deschutes Urban Community Water Plan. We appreciate your active interest and participation in water quality issues in the Deschutes River Watershed, Capitol Lake, and Budd Inlet. Your letter raises some important points for EPA to be aware of and includes your report, xxxxx.

We will take your report and input into consideration as we work in the watershed, both in developing replacement Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the disapproved portions of the Deschutes River multi-parameter TMDL, as well as our review of and decision on any proposed TMDLs for Budd Inlet or Capitol Lake from the Washington Department of Ecology ('Ecology'). Also, if you have not already, we encourage you to share your report with Ecology.

To ensure consistency between Budd Inlet and Deschutes River TMDL work, EPA is coordinating with Ecology as we develop replacement TMDLs for the disapproved portions of the Deschutes River multi-parameter TMDL. EPA also **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** stakeholders on our progress. As you know, any proposed TMDL plans, including any modeling and other technical work used to inform such a plan, must follow public participation requirements. This includes seeking feedback on the draft TMDL through a public comment period. We understand that community engagement is critical to ensuring that actions and management decisions in the Deschutes River watershed consider the perspectives of all affected stakeholders. We encourage CLIPA to keep participating through those avenues.

Thank you again for reaching out to us. If you have questions about the Deschutes River TMDLs which EPA is working on, please contact Miranda Hodgkiss of my staff at (206) 553-0692.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS process will result in information that can be used to guide decisions about which Lake Management Alternative is most suitable. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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